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Producing the Same

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2001, please amend this application

as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows [a marked up copy of the amended claims is

provided in Appendix A]:

1. A composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising a porous support and a polyamide skin layer formed on the porous support, wherein the polyamide skin layer is formed by reacting an aromatic compound having at least two reactive amino groups with a polyfunctional acid halide compound having at least two reactive acid halide groups, and the polyamide skin layer contains bromide, wherein the bromide is introduced subsequent to forming the polyamide skin layer.

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the claim amendments made above and the following remarks.

I. Disposition of Claims